(b) The details are given below:

(in tonnes)

State	2002-2003	2003-2004 (Provisional)	2004-05
Andhra Pradesh	857	849	795
Rajasthan	0	0	0
Total	857	849	795

(c) and (d) In view of the deleterious effect of asbestos mining on the health of workers, the Government have ordered the State Governments in 1986 not to grant any new mining lease for asbestos (including chrysotile variety) in the country. In June 1993, Government further stopped the renewal of existing mining leases of asbestos in the country.

(e) As per information available, the permissible international norms for exposure to chrysotile, is 0.1 fiber per cubic centimeter for a worker on an eight hour time weighted average value.

Industrial houses in mines sector

2059. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of industrial houses have shown interest in mines sector;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the details of mines allotted in public sector/private sector during the last two years; and

(d) the total revenue earned by Government from this sector during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) A large number of companies have applied for mineral concessions. Mineral concessions are granted by State Governments. Prior approval of this Ministry is required in respect of atomic minerals and ten metallic and non-metallic major minerals. 218 prior approvals were given in the last two years by Ministry of Mines of which 169 were in favour of various companies.

(c) The details of mining leases granted by the State Governments for

all major minerals in public and private sector during the last two years are as under:-

Sl.No.	Details	2003-2004	2004-2005	Total
(1)	Mining leases for all major minerals granted in favour of private sector (individuals and companies) by the State Governments.	285	239	524
(2)	Mining leases for all major minerals granted in favour of public sector undertaking by the State Governments.	10	5	15
	GRAND TOTAL	295	244	539

(d) Revenues are collected and retained by the State Governments and information in this regard is not maintained centrally by the Ministry of Mines.

Schemes for welfare of minorities

†2060. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any welfare schemes for the minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount spent by Government for implementation of the above schemes during last three years scheme-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of schemes have been formulated for welfare of minorities. The details of the schemes are available at the Ministry's website, www. socialjustice.nic.in.

(c) A statement showing the amount spent by Government during last three years, scheme-wise and year-wise is annexed.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.